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Corps expands Dworshak fire restrictions on recreation lands, total ban on all outdoor fires, cooking, burning

Orofino, Idaho – Fire danger levels on all lands associated with Dworshak Dam and Reservoir have forced natural resource officials to ban all outdoor fires indefinitely, according to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park ranger.

“We want everyone who visits Dworshak Dam to have a happy and memorable experience from their visit here,” said Terry Bowden, a Corps park ranger here. “When conditions are this dry and hot, it’s important that everyone using these recreation facilities be aware of just how much damage even one loose spark or cinder could cause.”

This announcement today supercedes the previous one issued two weeks ago when wildfire managers at the Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protection Agency asked temporary fire restrictions to be put in place on all lands managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers around Dworshak Reservoir.

The newest restrictions include all the Corps’ developed campgrounds and minicamps, and prohibit any open burning such as pit or campfires, even if they’re at the water’s edge along the lake. These updated restrictions also ban cooking fires in barbecue and grill pits, but do allow visitors to use LP gas grills or stoves.

“We’re asking our visitors to help us keep Dworshak a recreation jewel by helping to prevent fires on the property during this extremely dry summer,” said Bowden.

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For more information about recreation opportunities or fire conditions at Dworshak, contact the Ranger staff at (208) 476-1255. Information on recreation is also available on the Corps' Walla Walla District web site at www.nwww.usace.army.mil.

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